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Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

National Security Council Document 29 provides for an intelligence survey of the susceptibility to sabotage of the Venezuelan oil fields and related installations, to be undertaken by the Central Intelligence Agency. It also provides that directions for further surveys of this character are the responsibility of the Secretary of State.

It is understood that the C.I.A. team which made the Venezuelan survey is now available for additional projects.

There is enclosed a memorandum which suggests certain criteria which might be taken into account in arranging such a list of resources in the order of their importance, together with illustrative applications of them to a random selection of resources.

It is requested that you designate a representative to work with the Department of State in the further development of guidance to the C.I.A. on the program initiated by NSC 29.

I have also asked for designations from Mr. Steelman, Acting Chairman of the National Security Resources Board; Mr. Carpenter, Chairman of the Munitions Board; and Mr. Winstedell, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Commerce.

It is hoped that a meeting can be held in the week of May 9. Mr. Edwin M. Martin, Deputy Director of the

Office

Rear Admiral R. M. Hillenkoetter,
Director, Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.

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Office of International Trade Policy, will head this work for the Department of State. It will be appreciated if he can be informed of your nominee by 'phone' in order to speed up arrangements for a meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Willard K. Thorp
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

"Study Memorandum - Subject: Priority for Protection of Foreign Strategic Materials Areas for the U.S.A. Against Sabotage or Political Action."

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